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Groomed for CIA Post

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Washington — Reports that Telford Taylor is being groomed by the Kennedy administration to succeed Allen W. Dulles as director of the Central Intelligence Agency got a cool reception on Capitol Hill.

Taylor, a 53-year-old native of Schenectady, N. Y., has a Madison Ave. law office in New York City. He was in and out of numerous federal agencies during the Roosevelt and Truman administrations.

A retired brigadier general, he was an intelligence officer in the European theater of operations during World War 2 when he worked in the Office of Strategic Services. He was an assistant U. S. prosecutor at the Nuremberg war crime trials following the war.

A Harvard Law School graduate, he was an attorney for the old AAA in the Agriculture Department during the early "New Deal" in 1934-35, general counsel of the FCC in 1940-42, and administrator of the Small Defense Plants Administration 1951-52.

TAYLOR was one of the founders and a member of the national board of Americans for Democratic Action (ADA). He also is a board member of the

National Committee for a More Effective Congress directed by Maurice Rosenblatt, and the National Issues Committee founded in 1954 by Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt.

Senator Thomas J. Dodd (D-Conn.) vice chairman of the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee, who served with Taylor at the Nuremberg trials, said the CIA directorship is "one of the most important jobs in the world, and its occupant ought to have the full confidence of everyone."

Dodd said the position is comparable with that of FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover, except that CIA is responsible for worldwide intelligence and military security operations.

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DULLES, 68, a brother of the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, has not indicated that he intends to leave the CIA post. However, some congressmen are predicting that he will be forced to resign as a "scapegoat" for the Cuban invasion fiasco.

Several newspaper articles have appeared in recent weeks boosting Taylor as a possible successor. He is said to have the backing of MIT Professor Walter W. Rostow, deputy assistant to the President for National Security Affairs.